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Gloria J. Black



Gloria J. Black, 68, of Grinnell and formerly of Warsaw, Mo., died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

A celebration of life gathering was held Tuesday, Aug. 6, in the Carman Center of the Mayflower Community in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated in her name to Autism Awareness or to the Benton County Food Pantry, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Gloria June Timm Black was born on March 22, 1945, to Harold and Opal Temple Lilly. Gloria was raised by Emil and Nancy Temple Timm in Rock Island, Ill. She was raised and educated in Rock Island.

She was united in marriage with Douglas Duane Black on June 22, 1963, in Rock Island. They raised their six children in Rock Island, Eagle Grove, Iowa, and Cambridge, Ill. The couple spent their retirement years in Warsaw, Mo., where Gloria donated her time at the Benton County Food Pantry.

She enjoyed preparing plentiful meals for her large family, and will be remembered for her sense of humor and welcoming open arms.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Douglas Black of Grinnell; her children, Tim Black of Parma, Mich., Tom Black of Junction City, Kan., Tammy Strawser of Grinnell, Ted Black of Geneseo, Ill., Tiffany Black of Springfield, Mo., and Tracey Conn of Grinnell; 13 grandchildren; and her brother Dale Timm.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings, Edward and Matthew Timm.